

Memorandum

TO:

City Council

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City Clerk, City Attorney

SUBJECT:

Council Interests

DATE:

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I hope you had a nice week. I am providing some follow-up information on the recent DEQ visit as well as information on new training underway at the police department which will be featured on national news.

US Gypsum: US Gypsum is required to submit yearly emission statements and the facility is in compliance with their permit limits. Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) conducts full compliance inspections at the facility every 2 years in addition to semi and yearly record reviews. During a DEQ inspection in June 2014, the facility was found to be out-of-compliance with permitting requirements due to raw material piles observed around the conveyors that could potentially result in dust emissions. Also, fine dust was observed in the facility yard. DEQ issued a Request for Corrective Action, and US Gypsum implemented enhanced housekeeping measures in response to the DEQ inspection findings.

Fair and Impartial Training: Beginning next week, the Norfolk Police Department will implement a new training initiative. The Fair and Impartial Training program applies the modern science of bias to policing and trains officers on the effect of implicit bias and gives them the information and skills they need to reduce and manage their bias. The officers that go through the training next week will then train all sworn and civilian police personnel in the department.

Have a good weekend.